



## **UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING ON PROPOSED DRAFT PERMIT FOR MANAGEMENT OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE ON SAIPAN**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has received an application from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Safety (CNMI DPS) for a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to store and treat hazardous remediation waste at the Marpi Point open burn /open detonation (OB/OD) unit (USEPA I.D. No.TTP000128710).

A RAP is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit. USEPA intends to approve the RAP application. Prior to approval, USEPA is holding a public meeting and providing the public an opportunity to comment on the draft permit.

**45-day Public Comment Period: December 11, 2007 – January 24, 2008**  
**(Written comments must be postmarked no later than January 24, 2008.)**

**Public Meeting: December 11, 2007**  
**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Division of Environmental Quality**  
**Pangelinan Building, Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Gualo Rai Village**

40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 270.80 – 270.230 allows issuance of a RAP for managing remediation wastes. If issued, the RAP will alleviate the need for emergency permits. The RAP allows the Permittee, CNMI DPS, to store and treat waste munitions and ordnance. The remediation wastes will be treated in the OB/OD unit at Marpi Point as they have under the past emergency permits. The Marpi Point OB/OD unit is approximately one mile north of the Marpi Landfill.

Inquiries regarding the permit should be directed to either Mary Blevins at 415-972-3357, [blevins.mary@epa.gov](mailto:blevins.mary@epa.gov) or Norwood Scott at 415-972-3373, [scott.norwood@epa.gov](mailto:scott.norwood@epa.gov). Ms. Blevins and Mr. Scott can both be reached toll-free at 800-321-7349.

Comments may be mailed to Mary Blevins at USEPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St. (WST-4), San Francisco, CA 94105. The administrative record for the permit decision is available for review at the Region 9 office address above and in Saipan at Joeten – Kiyu Library, Susupe, Saipan MP.

Applicant's contact information: CNMI Department of Public Safety, (670) 664-9022.